

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

ETHAN OSTROW, and	)	
NORA POMPER	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Honorable Mary M. Rowland
	)	
THOMAS J. DART, et. al,	)	24-cv-01877
Defendants.	)	

**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

Pursuant to this Court's October 31, 2024 order (Dkt. 51), the parties have conferred and submit the following status report:

1. Defendants filed their answer to Plaintiff's Second Amended Complaint on October 30, 2024.
2. Plaintiffs have issued additional written discovery to the newly identified Defendants.
3. Both Plaintiffs and Defendants anticipate conducting a limited number of depositions beyond the parties, which they are in the process of scheduling.
4. The parties are working diligently to complete discovery by the February 28, 2025 deadline. However, due to the other professional obligations of Plaintiffs' counsel, including trials scheduled in January and February, the parties may seek an extension.
5. The Defendants request a referral to a settlement conference. The plaintiffs do not believe that a settlement conference would be productive at this time.

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